

**MEETING MINUTES
JOINT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD'S
PHOENIX SONORAN PRESERVE COMMITTEE AND MCDOWELL SONORAN
PRESERVE COMMISSION
January 27, 2003**

PSPC Members: Daniel Cleland
James Coffman
Russell Gottschalk
Mary Halfman
Robyn Katz
Cesar Mazier
Michelle Oie
Tony Vehr
Absent: Edward Reed

MSPC Members: Bill Berkley
Carla
Dennis Carr
Les Conklin
Laura Fisher
Virginia Korte
Howard Myers
Jan Rau
Donald Ruff
Darren Smith, Chair
Darcy Thomas

Phoenix City Staff: James P. Burke
Sarah Hall

Scottsdale City Staff: Bob Cafarella

1.	<p>Call to Order.</p> <p>The Joint Public Meeting of the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve Committee and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission was called to order on January 27, 2003, at 6:30p.m.</p>
2.	<p>Introduction of McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission and Phoenix Sonoran Preserve Committee.—Information Only</p> <p>Chair Mary Halfmann introduced PSPC members. On behalf of Chair Darren Smith, Carla introduced the MSPC members.</p>
3.	<p>Staff of Each Jurisdiction and Commission will make Presentations of Recent Activities; such as, Arizona Preserve Initiative (API) Application and Land Acquisition.—Information Only</p> <p>Bob Cafarella stated 36,000 acres are planned for preservation in Scottsdale. All but 50 private land acres have been acquired in the McDowell Mountains: Scottsdale applied for 16,000 Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) acres under API; another 13,021 acres were designated. Bob Cafarella provided an update on last evening's plane crash. Informational folders containing further statistics were provided.</p> <p>Phoenix applied for 15,000 ASLD acres under API and State Land Commissioner approved 13,391 acres for designation. To date, Phoenix has acquired 2,034 acres and spent \$32 million of which \$16 million were matching Growing Smarter Grant funds.</p>

4.	<p>Staff of Each Jurisdiction and Commission will Discuss Potential Areas of Cooperation; such as, Trail Connection and Public Access, Support for Preservation Efforts with ASLD—For Information and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Power line trail to Scottsdale ▪ ASLD – create an additional buffer, eliminate further preserve incursion and aid equestrian and trail users. ▪ McDonald’s Ranch property – 1,300 acres at Scottsdale and Jomax Roads, presently on ASLD lease, are part of the Scottsdale scenic corridor. Carla requested a report on Phoenix’s evaluation of this ranch. Dan Cleland offered to assist. ▪ Is Dynamite Road a scenic drive in Phoenix? There is potential here for a long-distance trail. ▪ Carla is active in following efforts of Ed Fox’s group working on ASLD reforms.
5.	<p>ASU Edge (Preserve Border) Treatment Presentation and Discussion.—For Information and Discussion</p> <p>City of Phoenix Parks and Preserve Administrator Sarah Hall presented a CD edge treatment demonstration. This plan provides a variety of opportunities for public lands and private development to effectively interface. Handouts and an Edge Treatment Survey were also provided.</p>
6.	<p>Call to the Public—The Committee shall receive items of consideration, discussion and/or complaint. Those wishing to address the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve Committee and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission need not request permission in advance. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and/or decision at a later date.</p> <p>None.</p>
7.	<p>Comments from McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission and Phoenix Sonoran Preserve Committee (Not for Commission/Committee Discussion).</p> <p>Both Chairs thanked the members and all expressed a resolve to continue this framework of cooperation.</p>
8.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>There was no further business and, at 8:30p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned.</p>